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Sir:

I, Michael D. Goodner, do state as follows:

- 1. I am one of the inventors of the above-referenced patent application.
- 2. In the course of development of the photodefinable polymers set forth in the above-referenced patent application, we initially used silica as the filler material. However, silica showed thixotropy or varying viscosity with shear rate.
- 3. When the inventors of the present invention tried zirconia, they found that the thixotropy was greatly reduced.
- 4. The fact that zirconia would greatly reduce the thixotropy was completely unexpected.
- 5. Therefore, it is believed that the use of zirconia is unobvious in this application over the use of silica since it is unexpected that zirconia would offer greatly reduced thixotropy compared to silica.

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